

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for March 2009

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INDIANA  
**WORKFORCE**  
DEVELOPMENT  
AND ITS **WorkOne** CENTERS

Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9 includes: Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.



## March 2009 Labor Force Estimates

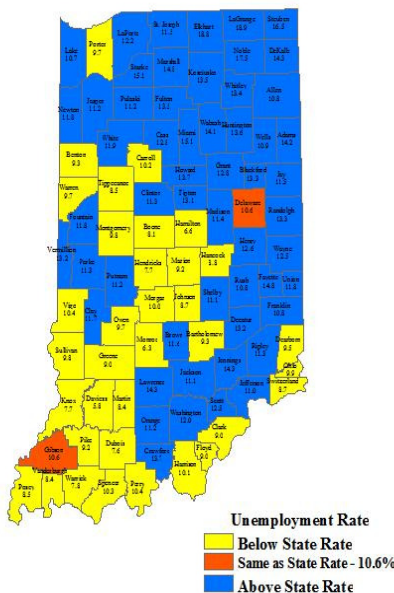
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Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

| Area               | Labor Force | Employed    | Unemployed | Rate Mar. 2009 | Rate Feb. 2009 | Rate Mar. 2008 |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| U. S.              | 153,728,000 | 139,833,000 | 13,895,000 | 9.0            | 8.9            | 5.2            |
| Indiana            | 3,199,779   | 2,860,525   | 339,254    | 10.6           | 10.1           | 5.5            |
| Columbus MSA       | 39,940      | 36,211      | 3,729      | 9.3            | 8.5            | 4.4            |
| EGR 9              | 165,984     | 148,154     | 17,830     | 10.7           | 10.2           | 5.4            |
| Bartholomew County | 39,940      | 36,211      | 3,729      | 9.3            | 8.5            | 4.4            |
| Dearborn County    | 25,875      | 23,425      | 2,450      | 9.5            | 9.2            | 5.4            |
| Decatur County     | 12,679      | 11,004      | 1,675      | 13.2           | 12.6           | 5.7            |
| Franklin County    | 11,808      | 10,527      | 1,281      | 10.8           | 11.2           | 6.9            |
| Jackson County     | 22,112      | 19,654      | 2,458      | 11.1           | 10.1           | 4.7            |
| Jefferson County   | 17,207      | 15,320      | 1,887      | 11.0           | 10.1           | 5.7            |
| Jennings County    | 14,155      | 12,134      | 2,021      | 14.3           | 14.1           | 6.7            |
| Ohio County        | 3,018       | 2,720       | 298        | 9.9            | 10.1           | 5.6            |
| Ripley County      | 13,716      | 12,160      | 1,556      | 11.3           | 11.5           | 6.2            |
| Switzerland County | 5,474       | 4,999       | 475        | 8.7            | 8.4            | 5.2            |
| Columbus City      | 20,700      | 18,672      | 2,028      | 9.8            | 8.9            | 4.4            |
| Madison City       | 6,418       | 5,743       | 675        | 10.5           | 9.5            | 5.6            |
| Seymour City       | 10,012      | 8,804       | 1,208      | 12.1           | 10.5           | 4.5            |

County Unemployment Rates  
March 2009 - Non Seasonally Adjusted



## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were nearly all higher in March. Forty-six states recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, North Dakota and the District of Columbia registered rate decreases, and 3 states had no change in their rate, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were up in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The West posted the highest regional jobless rate, 9.8 percent, followed by the Midwest, at 9.0 percent. The Northeast recorded the lowest rate, 7.9 percent. The West reported the largest over-the-month rate increase (+0.6 percentage point), while the Midwest and South registered smaller rate increases (+0.4 and +0.3 point, respectively).

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE COUNTY RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

| March 2009 Rank | County      |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 10              | Jennings    |
| 22              | Decatur     |
| 43              | Ripley      |
| 48              | Jackson     |
| 50              | Jefferson   |
| 53              | Franklin    |
| 64              | Ohio        |
| 70              | Dearborn    |
| 71              | Bartholomew |
| 80              | Switzerland |

## INDIANA and SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT March 2009

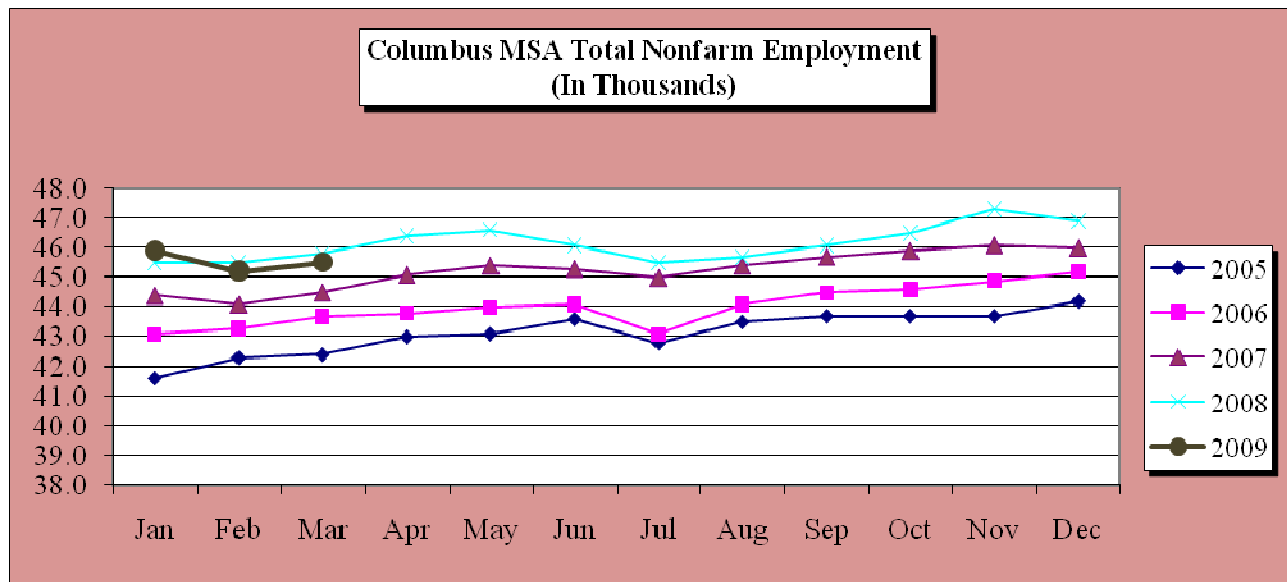
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|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Illinois | 9.4  |
| Indiana  | 10.6 |
| Kentucky | 10.3 |
| Michigan | 13.4 |
| Ohio     | 10.1 |

**COLUMBUS MSA****WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT**

|                               | MAR.<br>2009 | FEB.<br>2009 | MAR.<br>2008 | CHANGE FROM                  |       |                              |         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|---------|
|                               |              |              |              | FEB. 2009<br>TO<br>MAR. 2009 |       | MAR. 2008<br>TO<br>MAR. 2009 |         |
| Total Nonfarm                 | 45,500       | 45,200       | 45,800       | 300                          | 0.66% | -300                         | -0.66%  |
| Total Private                 | 39,300       | 39,000       | 39,500       | 300                          | 0.77% | -200                         | -0.51%  |
| Goods Producing               | 17,800       | 17,800       | 17,700       | 0                            | 0.00% | 100                          | 0.56%   |
| Service-Providing             | 27,700       | 27,400       | 28,100       | 300                          | 1.09% | -400                         | -1.42%  |
| Mining                        | 2,200        | 2,200        | 1,600        | 0                            | 0.00% | 600                          | 37.50%  |
| Manufacturing                 | 15,600       | 15,600       | 16,100       | 0                            | 0.00% | -500                         | -3.11%  |
| Durable Goods                 | 13,700       | 13,700       | 14,000       | 0                            | 0.00% | -300                         | -2.14%  |
| Trade, Transport, Utilities   | 7,500        | 7,400        | 7,500        | 100                          | 1.35% | 0                            | 0.00%   |
| Wholesale Trade               | 1,400        | 1,400        | 1,400        | 0                            | 0.00% | 0                            | 0.00%   |
| Retail Trade                  | 4,600        | 4,500        | 4,700        | 100                          | 2.22% | -100                         | -2.13%  |
| Trans, Warehouse, Utilities   | 1,500        | 1,500        | 1,400        | 0                            | 0.00% | 100                          | 7.14%   |
| Information                   | 500          | 500          | 400          | 0                            | 0.00% | 100                          | 25.00%  |
| Financial Activities          | 1,600        | 1,600        | 1,600        | 0                            | 0.00% | 0                            | 0.00%   |
| Professional and Business     | 3,400        | 3,200        | 4,100        | 200                          | 6.25% | -700                         | -17.07% |
| Education and Health Services | 4,200        | 4,200        | 3,900        | 0                            | 0.00% | 300                          | 7.69%   |
| Leisure and Hospitality       | 3,200        | 3,200        | 3,100        | 0                            | 0.00% | 100                          | 3.23%   |
| Other Services                | 1,100        | 1,100        | 1,200        | 0                            | 0.00% | -100                         | -8.33%  |
| Government                    | 6,200        | 6,200        | 6,300        | 0                            | 0.00% | -100                         | -1.59%  |
| Federal Government            | 200          | 200          | 200          | 0                            | 0.00% | 0                            | 0.00%   |
| State Government              | 1,100        | 1,100        | 1,100        | 0                            | 0.00% | 0                            | 0.00%   |
| Local Government              | 4,900        | 4,900        | 5,000        | 0                            | 0.00% | -100                         | -2.00%  |
| Local Govt Education          | 1,900        | 1,900        | 1,900        | 0                            | 0.00% | 0                            | 0.00%   |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research &amp; Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



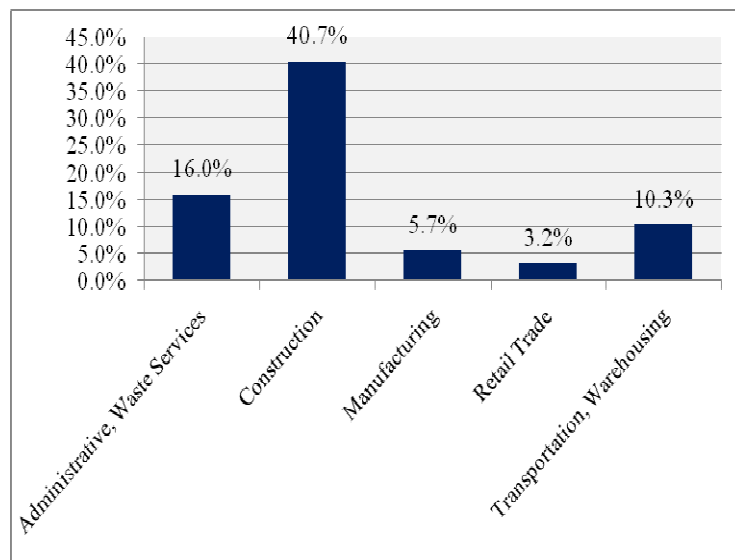
## UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

WEEK ENDING

| <i>Initial Claims</i> | <b>March 7<br/>2009</b> | <b>March 14<br/>2009</b> | <b>March 21<br/>2009</b> | <b>March 28<br/>2009</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| EGR 9                 | 902                     | 736                      | 563                      | 525                      |
| INDIANA               | 20,610                  | 13,230                   | 12,399                   | 14,660                   |
| <i>Total Claims</i>   |                         |                          |                          |                          |
| EGR 9                 | 9,340                   | 9,338                    | 8,790                    | 8,682                    |
| INDIANA               | 183,056                 | 180,746                  | 173,519                  | 171,699                  |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis,  
UI Statistics

## Monthly Unemployment Claims by Industry-Economic Growth Region 9 March 2009 Top 5 Industries



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis,  
UI Statistics

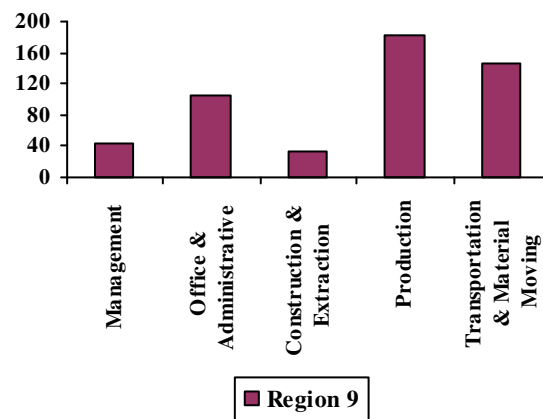
## WARN NOTICES for Region 9 in March 2009

| Company                   | City     | County      | # Workers Affected |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Columbus Components Group | Columbus | Bartholomew | 338                |

Source: Indiana Workforce Development

## Applicant Pool

Top Five Occupational Groups selected by  
Active Applicants in Past Twelve Months



Source: Indiana Workforce Development,  
Indiana Career Connect Database



## Consumer Price Index

### CPI-U\* Change (Non-Seasonally Adjusted)

| <i>March 2009 from:</i>             |                      |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                     | <b>Mar.<br/>2008</b> | <b>Feb.<br/>2009</b> |
| <b>All Items</b>                    | <b>-0.4%</b>         | <b>0.2%</b>          |
| Food & Beverages                    | 4.3%                 | -0.2%                |
| Housing                             | 1.4%                 | 0.1%                 |
| Apparel                             | 1.4%                 | 3.1%                 |
| Transportation                      | -13.1%               | 0.1%                 |
| Medical Care                        | 2.8%                 | 0.2%                 |
| Recreation                          | 1.7%                 | 0.1%                 |
| Education & Communication           | 3.6%                 | 0.0%                 |
| Other Goods & Services              | 5.7%                 | 2.8%                 |
| <b>Midwest Region (All Items)**</b> | <b>-0.8%</b>         | <b>0.3%</b>          |

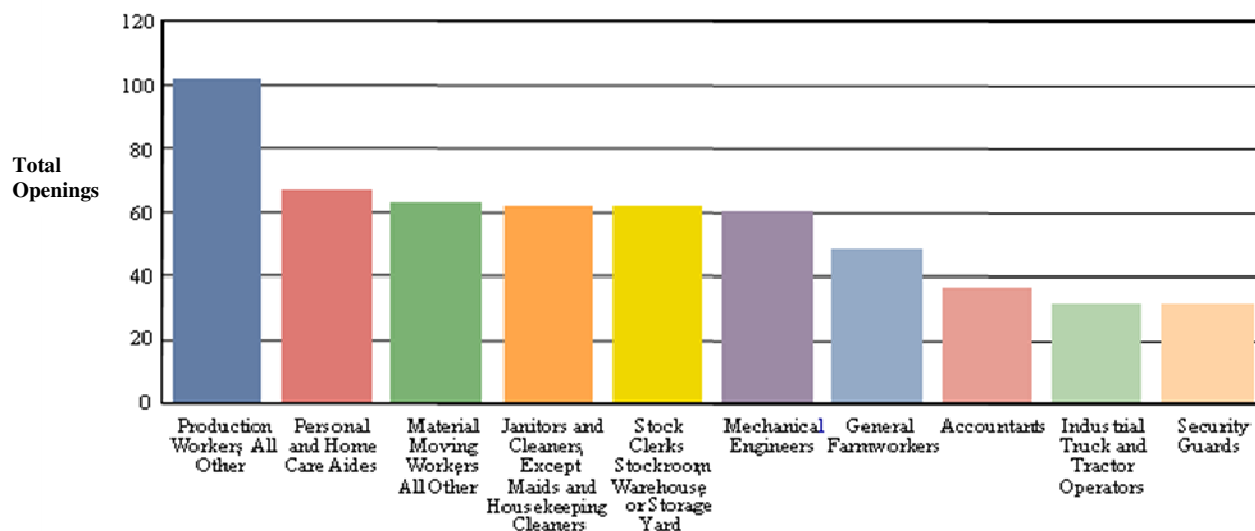
\*CPI-U=Consumer Price Index-Urban (U.S. City Average)

\*\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## EGR 9 Top 10 Job Openings Listed in Indiana Career Connect

4/1/08-3/31/09



Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect Database

Indiana Economic Growth Region 9's **Occupations and Starting Wages Report** for April 2008 through March 2009 is now available. If you would like a copy of this publication, you can download the report from our web site: [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov)

**Employment Cost Index**-Compensation cost increases for civilian workers for the year ended March 2009 slowed dramatically, increasing 2.1 percent, down from the 3.3 percent increase for the year ended March 2008. In private industry, compensation costs rose 1.9 percent in the year ended March 2009, significantly less than the increase for the year ended March 2008, which was 3.2 percent. For state and local government, the increase for the 12-month period ended March 2009 was 3.1 percent, also slowing down from the March 2008 increase of 3.6 percent. Wages and salaries for civilian workers increased 2.2 percent for the 12-month period; down from the March 2008 increase of 3.2 percent. Private industry wages and salaries decelerated to a 2.0 percent increase for the year ended March 2009. In March 2008 the increase was 3.2 percent. State and local government wages and salaries increased 3.0 percent for the year ended March 2009, slowing less dramatically than in private industry. The increase for the 12-month period ending March 2008 was 3.5 percent. Benefits increased 2.0 percent for civilian workers. In private industry, benefit costs increased 1.6 percent, much less than the increase for state and local government, which was 3.4 percent for the 12-month period ended March 2009.

### 3-Month Percent Changes in the Employment Cost Index Seasonally Adjusted

|                                   | June 2007 | Sep. 2007 | Dec. 2007 | Mar. 2008 | June 2008 | Sep. 2008 | Dec. 2008 | Mar. 2009 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>All Civilian workers</i>       |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Compensation costs                | 0.9       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.7       | 0.7       | 0.6       | 0.6       | 0.3       |
| Wages and salaries                | 0.7       | 0.9       | 0.8       | 0.7       | 0.7       | 0.7       | 0.5       | 0.3       |
| Benefit costs                     | 1.2       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.6       | 0.6       | 0.6       | 0.5       | 0.5       |
| <i>Private industry</i>           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Compensation costs                | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.9       | 0.7       | 0.7       | 0.6       | 0.5       | 0.2       |
| Wages and salaries                | 0.7       | 0.9       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.7       | 0.6       | 0.5       | 0.2       |
| Benefit costs                     | 1.1       | 0.7       | 1.0       | 0.6       | 0.4       | 0.6       | 0.4       | 0.2       |
| <i>State and local government</i> |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Compensation costs                | 1.0       | 0.9       | 0.9       | 0.7       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.6       | 0.8       |
| Wages and salaries                | 0.8       | 1.0       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.9       | 0.5       | 0.7       |
| Benefit costs                     | 1.5       | 0.9       | 1.1       | 0.5       | 0.9       | 0.6       | 0.7       | 1.1       |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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